

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 9, 2007 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 29, SB 30, SB 36, SB 237
Executive Action: SB 29, SB 30, SB 237

HEARING ON SB 36

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:35 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 36, Clarify motor vehicle registration fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:18 Greg Pettish, Code Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:52 Sen. Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:49 Sen. Frank Smith (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 30, Allow combination purple heart and disabled veteran license plates.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:44 Roger Hagen, Montana National Guard

00:08:19 Colonel Jim Jacobson, Montana American Legion

00:08:52 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasures Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:34 Rep. MacLaren

00:10:04 Sen. Smith

00:10:41 Rep. Arntzen

00:11:18 Sen. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:16 Sen. Smith

HEARING ON SB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:06 Sen. Frank Smith (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 29, Establish Robert E. Ewing Jr. memorial highway.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:01 Connie Ewing O'Conner

EXHIBIT(trh50a01)

00:19:59 Rep. Lambert

00:21:17 Jim Cray, Montana Department of Transportation

00:22:00 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner, Highway Commission

00:23:17 Bill Olsen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:40 Sen. Smith

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 29

00:25:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wilson moved that **SB 29 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel and Rep. Arntzen voted aye by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 237

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:29 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 237, Revise studded tire laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:32 Bruce Starr, Q Tire Company

EXHIBIT(trh50a02)

00:32:44 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:16 Rep. Wilson

00:34:59 Mr. Starr, Q Tire Company

00:35:27 Rep. Furey

00:35:47 Mr. Starr, Q Tire Company

00:38:54 Rep. Sonju

00:39:06 Rep. Nooney

00:39:24 Mr. Starr, Q Tire Company

00:40:05 Rep. Malcolm

00:40:15 Mr. Starr, Q Tire Company

00:40:52 Rep. Sonju

00:41:09 Mr. Starr, Q Tire Company

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:23 Sen. Brueggeman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 237

00:42:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **SB 237 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 5-1 by voice vote with Rep. Malcolm voting no. Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Kottel and Rep. Wiseman voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 30

00:44:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **SB 30 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Kottel and Rep. Wiseman voted aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

00:46:44 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh50aad.pdf](#))